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Sub.: Prohibition of public meetings/canvassing, etc. during period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll and on the day of the poll.

Whereas, the General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 25-10-2015.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the power of superintendence, direction and control of the Municipal Elections to ensure free and fair elections.

And whereas, Section 24 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 prohibits the convening, holding or attending of any public meeting within the municipal area on the day of polling.

Now, therefore, in order to ensure free and fair elections and for peaceful polling, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the State Election Commissioner, under Rule 64 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, I, the undersigned State Election Commissioner hereby issue this Order imposing further restrictions

on the public meetings/canvassing during the period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll, in addition to the restrictions imposed under Section 24 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 in respect of the day of the poll.

1. No person, association, party or individual shall convene, hold or attend any public meeting within any polling area within 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll for an election in that polling area;
2. No person, association, party or individual shall display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television, radio or other similar apparatus within any polling area within 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll for an election in that polling area;
3. It is hereby clarified that the above restrictions shall apply to telecast of any live or pre-recorded interview of the contesting candidate on any television channel or radio channel during the said period of 48 hours;
4. It is hereby clarified that the above restrictions shall not apply to issuing advertisement by the candidate in daily newspapers and releasing scroll message by the candidate on television channel during the said period of 48 hours.

The General Observers/Returning Officers/Expenditure Observers shall ensure compliance of the above instructions.

Dr. M. Modassir, IAS (Retd.), The Commissioner, Goa State Election Commission.

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